

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Beeches Farm Barn
at 6.30pm on Monday 9 March 2021

Present: Cllrs P Rodger (A/Chair), P Cooper, N Cullum, C McDonnell
In attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), County Cllr A Thomas, District Cllr M Edney

- 1 **Apologies** for absence: Cllr C McDonnell, Cllr W Sargent
- 2 **Declarations** of interest: none
- 3 **Public discussion:** A member of the public asked if the parish council intended to join the drive to plant trees to mark HM The Queen's 70th Jubilee. The avenue of trees on The Common was missing some 50 trees. Should these be replaced? In response it was pointed out that the original planting had met with some official opposition, and that permission would need to be sought from the Sargent family as landowners, and from English Nature. In principal the council favour the planting of trees. Grants may be available, and SNDC may be offering some trees free of charge. The Woodlands Trust also offer free trees. They would have to be native species well able to cope with the wet conditions in that area. Cllr Edney will find out what SNDC can offer once permission has been obtained.
- 4 **Report from County & District Councillors:** Cllr Thomas informed the council that training of new county councillors is ongoing. Face to face meetings are starting to resume. Cllr Thomas is now chairing Norfolk's NHS overview committee, a major focus of which will be the integration of health and social care provision. The anticipated report on flooding in Long Stratton has arrived but is not sufficiently detailed. Road markings on The Krons will be reinstated following resurfacing work.

Cllr Edney discussed the reduced verge cutting schedule. To assist wildlife, cutting will occur once a year only except at dangerous junctions. After changes caused by both Covid and the amalgamation with Broadland, face to face meetings are starting to resume. There is a public consultation regarding the Village Clusters, which is designed to enable small village developments to take place. There is also a public consultation on bins – this is aimed at achieving uniformity of bin colour, what can and can't be collected, etc.
- 5 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 17 June 2021 were approved and signed
- 6 **Matters arising** from the minutes: none
- 7 **Finances:**
 - a Payment for approval: none
 - b Current bank balances as at 8 July 2021 NOTED

current account	£2081.82
savings account	£1,061.90

savings 2	£2,033.64
balance	£5177.36

c Internal audit update NOTED – internal audit has been completed

8 Planning issues:

a 2021/0236 Friars Farm, Morningthorpe: discharge of condition re renewable energy – NO COMMENT

9 Correspondence: as already circulated to councillors.

- Hempnall Parish Council have requested the support of this council for a new ProW at The Krons. However, this virtually unspoilt piece of land is renowned as a wildlife sanctuary, and as such it should remain undisturbed. The clerk will respond accordingly.

10 Any Other Business/Items for Next Agenda as noted above; also Cllr Rodger will approach the owners of School House on School Lane, whose hedge is encroaching on the highway.

11 Next meeting: Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 6.30pm (venue tbc)